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## LONG CHASE FOR A BOLD BURGLAR.

Policemen Corral Frank Parker in a Yard Surrounded by High Walls.

Slides Down a Water Pipe from a Room on the Fourth Floor.

MAKES A NOVEL PLEA IN COURT.

Says He Was Trying to Escape from His Landlady, Who, He Thought, Was Preparing to Kill and Carve Him.

Two policemen, two private citizens and half a dozen women took a hand in catching a burglar in East Sixty-second street yesterday morning. Even then they would not have succeeded had not the fugitive perched himself in a back yard, from which escape was cut off by high brick walls.

It was about 2 o'clock in the morning when Mrs. Max Bebt, of No. 211 East Sixty-second street, saw a man climbing into her bedroom window. She aroused her husband and both called for help. Dr. Albert Bandman, who lives on the floor below, seized his pistol and started upstairs. His wife shouted for help until Policeman Ward and Sexton, of the East Sixty-seventh Street Station, came.

Meanwhile Dr. Bandman had gained the top floor and, looking out a rear window, saw a man with his feet in the top of the shutters of the window just below, and trying to swing back to an open window in the adjoining house. Just as the man succeeded in his attempt, Dr. Bandman fired, but did not hit the burglar.

By this time the two policemen were in the house, and Ward told his colleagues to go into the next house while he guarded the rear. Policeman Sexton entered the house at No. 200 and went to the fourth floor, where he found the door of the rear room locked and the burglar had climbed out and slid down a water pipe. As he did this, Policeman Ward, who was in the yard below, shot at him, as did Policeman Sexton from above. Not one of the bullets struck him.

When he reached the ground the burglar dashed for a fence. Policeman Ward was at his heels. The fugitive scaled four fences while the fat policeman was getting over the first one. After he had scaled the fourth fence the burglar found himself in Dr. Cohn's back yard, surrounded on all sides by high brick walls. As there was no way of escaping he sat down to wait for the police. They finally arrived and handcuffed him. Then they took him back to Dr. Bandman's house and called in all the neighbors.

Mrs. Windrath, who conducts a boarding house at No. 200, identified the prisoner as Frank Parker, who rented a room from her on Saturday. He said he was a carpenter and came from Maine.

When arraigned in Yorkville Police Court yesterday Parker pleaded not guilty and made a novel explanation of his strange escapade to Magistrate Braun.

"Your Honor," he said, "Sunday night I heard the landlady and a man talking in the hall about saving people up, and later I heard a noise as if the woman was sawing bones. I made up my mind that they were doctors and meant to save me to pieces. So I got out of the window and you know the rest."

This story didn't go with the Magistrate and he was held for trial.

**Cramps Will Get \$125,000.**

Washington, April 27.—The official computation of the speed made by the battleship Massachusetts in the trial trip Saturday gave the vessel a record of 34.279 knots. As a result the builders of the Massachusetts, the Cramps, of Philadelphia, will get a premium of \$125,000, or \$25,000 for each quarter-knot in excess of the contract requirement of fifteen knots.



## Some Curious Mistakes Caused by Police Interpretations of the Raines Law.

Mrs. Mary Williamson says an officer entered her oyster saloon about two weeks ago and got an oyster fry. He asked for beer, and, being told she did not keep it, he sent a boy with a can to another saloon and got a pint. She gave him a glass, he drank the beer and arrested her. Mrs. Daly told Recorder Goff yesterday that for the same offence against the excise law with which she was now charged she had already served a sentence in the Tombs. Both women are now in the Tombs.

## SHERRY TO BUILD A BANQUETING PALACE.

It Is to Be Uptown, and Will Cost About a Million and a Half.

Rooms for Balls, Receptions and Other Social Functions Planned on Costly Scale.

LIVING APARTMENTS ABOVE THESE.

New Building Will Be at the Southwest Corner of Fifth Avenue and Forty-fourth Street.

Louis Sherry, the caterer, has decided to move further uptown, and yesterday afternoon attached his signature to a document which will put his name over a new building to be constructed at the southwest corner of Fifth Avenue and Forty-fourth street, diagonally across from the site chosen for Delmonico's new building.

Mr. Sherry said last evening that the cost of the new structure would reach \$1,500,000, and possibly more, and that the work of tearing down the buildings now on the property would be begun within thirty-six hours. The plans for the building have not been definitely decided upon as yet, but the order has been given to McKim, Mead & White, architects, to prepare plans without regard to expense. The building will face on Fifth Avenue, with a frontage of 94 feet, and extend down Forty-fourth street a distance of 200 feet. The front, according to Mr. Sherry's present ideas, will be of white brick and limestone.

On the ground floor will be situated a small ballroom, a palm garden, ladies' restaurant and confectionery store. About the sides will be suites of smaller rooms for ladies' tea parties and small gatherings. On the floor above, one night up, will be the large ballroom and reception room. The grand banquet room will be situated

on the third floor, and will be connected with a series of smaller banquet rooms. The three upper floors will be distinct from the rest of the building, and will be arranged for living apartments for family use. This portion of the building will have a separate entrance from Fifth Avenue, and will be devoted to an exclusive class of society people.

"It has become necessary for me to move to larger quarters," said Mr. Sherry, "and I have been figuring on this site for some months. At present it is occupied by three private residences on the Fifth Avenue portion, and three stables on Forty-fourth street. I purchased the lease of the last place an hour ago, and the work of demolishing the buildings will be begun at once."

The property is owned by Isaac V. Brown, and is valued at \$1,150,000. The lease is for twenty years, with the right of two renewals of twenty years each. With Sherry's new structure on one corner and Delmonico's on the other, it is believed that all the requirements of social and club life will be fulfilled.

Work on the new building will be begun June 1, and it will be ready for occupancy September 1, 1897. Mr. Sherry will go to Paris in a few days to secure the latest ideas.

## TILLMAN'S ADDED IFAME.

His Western Trip Highly Successful and His Many Speeches Much Appreciated.

Washington, April 27.—Tillman's Western tour has opened the eyes of his confederates in the Senate to his growing popularity. From the point of view of a lecture bureau his trip was highly successful. His audiences were generally large and always appreciative. Although a Democrat, he was savage in his arraignment of the Administration, and his manner was that of a thoroughly aroused and indignant citizen. In tone nearly all of his speeches were similar to his famous tirade in the Senate that provoked so much comment.

His addresses were delivered in Kentucky, Missouri and Colorado, and at every point Mr. Tillman, though so unlike the favorites of the people he was addressing, and so extreme in his denunciations, was well received, and had his sentiments approved. The farmers came long distances to hear him, and at two points passed before him in review with pitchforks in their hands. They were paying as farmers a tribute to a farmer.

## QUEER CHINKS IN THE RAINES LAW.

Policemen Make Their Own Interpretation Regarding the Sandwich Feature.

Woman Arrested for Selling an Oyster Fry and Lending a Glass for Beer.

ANOTHER INDICTED AFTER SENTENCE.

Liquid Refreshments at an Engagement Party a Crime in the Eyes of Detectives—Questions for Magistrates to Decide.

Mrs. Mary Williamson, the proprietress of a small oyster saloon on West Third street, and Mrs. Lizzie Daly, of No. 225 West Forty-third street, who have been detained in the Tombs on separate charges of violating the Excise law, were examined before Recorder Goff in Part I, General Sessions, yesterday. There were peculiarities in each case that led the Recorder to order an investigation pending their trial.

Mrs. Williamson was arrested two weeks ago. Policeman McMullin, of the Fourteenth Precinct, who is known as "the farmer," entered her place of business and ordered "an oyster fry." Mrs. Williamson says McMullin asked her to bring him a glass of beer. She told him that she kept no beer on the premises, and McMullin then got a can and sent a boy to an adjoining saloon for a pint. The defendant brought him a glass, and he drank the beer and then arrested her.

Mrs. Williamson told the Recorder that, although she had violated no law, she had been kept in prison a fortnight, and had little prospect of being able to retain her small business. She was remanded for trial on Wednesday.

Policeman Sullivan accused Lizzie Daly of violating the Excise law on April 15. She represented to Recorder Goff that she had before been arraigned in the Court of Special Sessions for the same offence, and had pleaded guilty and served a sentence of six days in the Tombs.

"Why have you been indicted if you have already served a sentence?" inquired the Recorder. "These mistakes on the part of the police are probably due to the uncertainty in the operation of the new law."

Both women are in the Tombs. The arrests last Sunday for violations of the Excise law were twenty-three. Acting



## TRUANT HUSBAND BURNED TO DEATH.

Newton Deserted His Wife Seventeen Years Ago, and Died by Fire in Oregon.

Three Years Ago He Wrote to His Daughter, and a Correspondence Was Begun.

HIS RETURN WAS LOOKED FOR.

He Lived a Hermit's Existence in a Log Hut, Near Salem—Yesterday His Devoted Wife Got News of His Tragic End.

Eugene Newton, a well-known musician, who abandoned his wife and daughter seventeen years ago in Brooklyn, was burned to death two weeks ago in a log hut near West Salem, Ore. The news reached Brooklyn only yesterday morning. Mrs. Newton lives at No. 235 Lexington avenue.

The widow broke down when she heard of the tragic end of her husband. Although he had deserted her at a time when she needed his support and care most, she always cherished the hope that some day he would return.

Newton was organist of the Bedford Avenue Reformed Church twenty-five years ago. Subsequently he secured a similar position in a New York Church. He was a heavy drinker, and began to neglect his young wife and her child, who is now an attractive young woman.

Mrs. Newton made every possible effort to reform her husband, but he was deaf to her entreaties. In her anxiety to reclaim him she followed him from place to place without any appreciable effect. He was profuse in his promises to reform, and equally energetic in breaking them.

On the night of September 13, 1879, Mr. Newton quarrelled with his wife, and then left his home. Ten years passed, and nothing was heard from him. His wife concluded that he was dead.

Three years ago the missing and erratic musician surprised his little family by writing an affectionate letter to his daughter. Mrs. Newton and her daughter were overjoyed to learn that he was alive. The correspondence was kept up by Mrs. Newton. She urged her husband to return to Brooklyn promising to provide him with a home.

It was only a few days ago a friend of Mrs. Newton called and urged her to do something for her husband. This friend

## CUSTOMS SERVICE WILL BE IMPAIRED.

Collector Kilbreth Fighting Strenuously Against a Cut in Salaries.

Appropriation for New York Same as It Was Forty Years Ago.

GROWTH IN BUSINESS IGNORED.

Argument to Be Presented in Congress to Help the Passage of the Deficiency Appropriation Bill, Now Held Up.

Collector of the Port Kilbreth will go to Washington to-day in the hope that he may and the passage of the Deficiency Appropriation bill. The failure of the House to approve the appropriation covering the customs service deficiency was followed by an order from the Treasury Department directing Collector Kilbreth to cut salaries in this port 25 per cent.

He urged on the department that such a reduction would seriously impair the service, and yesterday he and Auditor Knapp were busily engaged preparing a statement which is to be the basis of his appeals to Congress. This statement shows that three-fifths of all the import duties of the United States are collected in New York, and that it is impossible for the department here to maintain its present efficient service with reduced support.

It is also shown that the custom service is maintained on the same amount it received forty years ago. Strange as it may seem, there has been no recognition on the part of Congress that the imports have increased in that time, although the Secretary of the Treasury has frequently called the attention of Congress to the fact that the appropriations are insufficient. There were 350,000 entries in this port last year. The value of the imports was about \$555,000,000. The value of the exports was \$650,000,000. The cost of collection in New York is about 50 per cent lower than in any other port. It was 2.65 per cent during the year 1856, while the average cost of the collection of revenue of the entire country was 4.43 per cent.

Collector Kilbreth said: "There seems to be an entirely mistaken notion among the Western Congressmen regarding the importance of the service in New York. We have established an excellent system and have been conducting it at the lowest possible cost. Cut down our income and the merchants of New York will suffer. We contribute much to the commercial welfare of the entire country, and we should receive credit for it."

## A MAN UNDER THE BED.

Mrs. Desch Heard Him, Mr. Desch Wanted to Shoot and the Man Used His Fists.

Frank Desch, a saloon keeper, at No. 162 Throop avenue, Williamsburg, yesterday in the Lee Avenue Police Court, charged August Leonard, thirty years old, of No. 286 Broadway, with assault.

Desch lives with his wife over the saloon. After he had retired Sunday evening his wife heard a noise in the bedroom. She aroused her husband, and, lighting the gas, a search was made. Leonard was found concealed under the bed.

When Desch made the discovery he called to his wife to get his revolver. Desch then threatened to shoot unless Leonard came out. Leonard crawled from beneath the bed, and getting upon his feet, struck the saloon keeper in the face. Mrs. Desch's screams were heard by a policeman, who arrested Leonard. He was found to be drunk, and when arraigned in court told the Magistrate that he had no recollection of his exploits. He was held for trial. Leonard was a frequenter of the saloon.

had learned that he was leading a hermit's existence in his hut near Salem, and suffering from acute rheumatism.

Magistrate Crane held Mrs. Sarah Weissel, of No. 42 Forsyth street, in \$100 bail yesterday, for alleged violation of the law, but said that he believed the woman innocent of intentional wrong. From her examination it appeared that Policeman Hoffman, of the Eldridge Street Station, and Acting Captain Hogan had gone to the rear room of her premises, and had seen beer passed to several men. Hoffman and Hogan represented to the Magistrate that Mrs. Weissel's husband had taken to his bed on the pretence of illness when they informed him he had been violating the Raines law.

Mrs. Weissel represented that her sister was celebrating her engagement, and that the beer the officers saw passed among the guests was a part of the feast.

Shortly after midnight yesterday Henry Lynch and Daniel Sullivan, bartenders employed in the Park row hotel-saloon of former Assemblyman Michael Callahan, were arrested by Policemen Kelly and O'Connell, of the Elizabeth Street Station. The policeman alleged that the prisoners had served beer without the accompanying sandwich and defied arrest. Lynch and Sullivan denied the charge, and said the policemen were drunk when they entered the place. They were held in the Centre Street Court by Magistrate Simms in \$1,000 bail each.

Magistrate Crane, in the Essex Market Frey, of the Delancey Street Station, for improper methods in the arrest of Joseph Schmid, of No. 29 Pitt street. Under the order of Acting Captain Walsh, Frey entered the room of Schmid on Sunday and found seven men grouped around a beer keg. He did not claim to have seen beer sold or exposed for sale.

Although Kelley and O'Connell of the Oak Street Station, ordered a drink in the saloon at No. 540 Pearl street, on Sunday, bartender Thomas Zilber told them they must buy a sandwich first. They did so, and then proceeded to arrest Zilber. Magistrate Simms did not consider the sandwich a meal, and when Zilber was arraigned yesterday, held him for trial in the Centre Street Court.

## Perry Belmont to Speak.

The regular monthly banquet of the Democratic Club will be held this evening at the clubhouse, No. 617 Fifth avenue. Ex-Governor Horatio P. Flower is to preside and Perry Belmont is to deliver a sound money address. Over 100 members and guests will take part in the banquet.

## Cornelius B. Parker, the Policy King.

He was put on trial yesterday, charged with maintaining many policy shops. The evidence against him was secured by agents of the Parkhurst Society, and the prejudice of talesmen for and against the society delayed the work of getting a jury.

## POLICY KING ON TRIAL.

Efforts Begun to Secure Jurors Unprejudiced as to the Parkhurst Society's Work.

Cornelius B. Parker, whose alleged ownership of numerous policy shops has given him the title of "the policy king," was placed on trial in Part IV, General Sessions, before Judge Cowing yesterday. The evidence against him has been procured by "Angel" Bennett, and the Parkhurst society. This fact was forcibly brought out in the selection of the jury, each man on the venire being questioned as to his prejudices for or against the Parkhurst society. Several were excused on account of their opinions.

Judge Cowing did not want to go on with the trial as it promised to run over into the May term. Assistant District Attorney O'Hare objected to further adjournment, and Lawyer Levy, representing Parker, thought the trial could be finished to-day, so Judge Cowing allowed the selection of a jury. The venire was called in the afternoon, and it appeared to-day that the case could be finished in the April term, the jury should be discharged.

## HANCOCK STATUE FUND GONE.

No Money Left to Provide for the Unveiling Ceremonies.

Washington, April 27.—The unveiling ceremonies of the Hancock equestrian statue on Pennsylvania avenue on May 12 are likely to be somewhat curtailed by want of funds. The entire appropriation of \$50,000 made by Congress has been expended, \$49,000 being paid to the sculptor and \$1,000 for the pedestal.

There are no funds to provide for the reception and proper accommodation of the family of General Hancock and other distinguished guests, unless the surviving members of the Second Army Corps take the matter in hand and raise a fund.

